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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Rabbani et al.

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For: **NON-NATIVE POLYMERASE  
ENCODING NUCLEIC ACID  
CONSTRUCT**  
(As Previously Amended)

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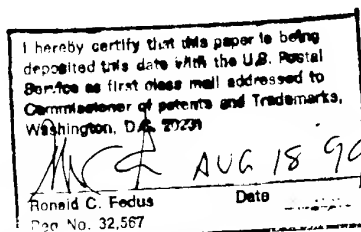
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115**  
**(IN RESPONSE TO THE FEBRUARY 18, 1999 OFFICE ACTION)**

Dear Sirs:

In connection with their above-identified application, Applicants are submitting this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 in response to the Office Action mailed on February 18, 1999 in connection with the above-identified application. This Amendment is being accompanied by a Request For An Extension Of Time (3 months) and authorization for the small entity fee therefor. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.



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